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Regarding: Schedule for Preparation of Responses to Ecology's
December 5, 1994 Comment Letter on the Colbert Landfill
Aquifer Management Plan

Dear Mike:

Spokane County will attempt to respond to all comments for the above-referenced subject by January 31, 1995. Several comments will require clarification by Ecology prior to Spokane County being able to provide an adequate response, and it may not be possible to respond to these comments prior to January 31. This letter identifies questions or comments contained in Ecology's December 5, 1994 letter that Spokane County cannot respond to by January 31, 1995. The comments that require clarification are:

- General Comments 1 through 4
- Specific Comments (Aquifer Management Plan) 1, 5, 17, 18, 20, 21, 25, and 26
- Specific Comments (Computer Simulation Comments) 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Spokane County requests that a conference call be scheduled for mid-January to discuss Ecology and EPA comments that require clarification prior to Spokane County response. Spokane County will develop and submit a schedule for responding to these comments to Ecology and EPA within 10 days following that discussion.

It is not clear from Ecology and EPA comments the extent to which additional numerical groundwater flow modeling, or other analyses, will be required to address some comments to the satisfaction of Ecology and EPA. If additional modeling is required, particularly if it requires modifying the existing model, significant additional time may be needed. The existing groundwater flow model(s) required approximately 4 months to develop, and 2 additional months to apply to the extraction and monitoring systems. We anticipate that modifying the model (if needed) to address Ecology's and EPA's concerns will require a lesser level of effort; however, any significant modeling effort would likely require between 1 and 3 months. We will not be able to develop a schedule for modeling until we define the scope (if any) of additional modeling through discussions with EPA and Ecology.

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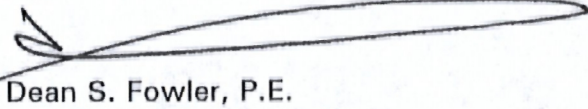


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We look forward to meeting with EPA and Ecology, and resolving any issues regarding the operation of the Colbert Landfill Remedial Action. We are committed to working with Ecology and EPA to continue the successful implementation of this project. Please contact us at your earliest opportunity to arrange a conference call to discuss the issues raised in your December 5, 1994 letter. I will be out of town from January 9 through January 13. Bill Wedlake will coordinate the conference with all parties. Again, this call will be only for the purpose of clarification of your comments. A subsequent meeting will be scheduled in either Olympia or the EPA offices in Seattle to discuss particular comments.

Sincerely,



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